



# Bitterroot National Forest

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## WILDFIRE UPDATE

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### Bitterroot NF Fire Update

**HAMILTON, MT; AUGUST 25, 2007 PM.**

The Rombo fire burned aggressively to the east-northeast today.

→ Fire activity has increased on the Rombo Mountain Fire this afternoon (Saturday) as fire fighters expected. Two smoke columns, clearly visible from Hwy 93 near Conner, MT are a direct result of the hotter, drier weather and gusting winds predicted for today.

→ The level of evacuations in the area has not changed.

→ The Joint Agency FireSMART Wagon remains at the Sula Ranger District for area residents interested in viewing maps and getting updates. Information is also available by calling the Fire Camp Information Officer at 406-689-3915

→ A public meeting is scheduled for Monday evening at the Sula Clubhouse.

The Bitterroot Wildland Fire Use Complex includes several fires burning in the Frank Church – River of No Return and the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness Areas. Total acres involved in these fires exceed 17,000. Of particular note,

→ The Magruder Mountain fire burned across the Magruder Road up toward Haystack Ridge today, resulting in a temporary closure of the road from the Magruder Station to Indian Creek Campground. The closure is expected to last 24-48 hours, in order to allow the fire to pass through the area and give fire crews time to clear any hazard trees from the road shoulder.

→ The Ingomar Fire, burning at the head of Lost Horse drainage reached approximately 100 acres and was showing little smoke earlier today.

→ Information regarding these fires can be obtained by calling the Fire Camp Information Officers at 406-821-1213.